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To: The Secretary

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October 9, 1961

Through: 8/8/61

From: FUR - Foy D. Kohler

Subject: Strategy of Berlin Countermeasures.

You may wish to draw on the following review of the evolution of strategy regarding Berlin countermeasures in seeking further clarification of the U.S. approach in light of the latest discussions with General Horstad.

This concept has been reflected in the following key papers and actions:

1. Mr. Acheson's memorandum for the President of June 28, 1961.
2. The documents prepared by the Inter-departmental Co-ordinating Group on July 18, 1961, in response to the NSC action memorandum No. 59 of July 14, 1961.
3. Your presentation at the NSC meeting of July 19, 1961, which was based on (1) and (2) above, although this presentation was not explicitly affirmed in the NSC Action Memorandum No. 62 of July 24.
4. Your presentations to the four Foreign Ministers in Paris during the early August meetings, and your statement to the MAC on August 6.
5. The Quadripartite instructions of September 1 to General Horstad for expanded contingency planning, and the draft MAC instructions to the NATO Military Authorities for the same purpose.
6. Mr. Acheson's memorandum of September 12 to you on the ten questions involved in the President's memorandum of September 8.

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7. Secretary McNamara's memorandum of September 18 to the President, with which the Department concurred, responding to the President's ten questions.

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